GOSPORT WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE
Planting specification
July 2010

See drawing no. SK 1 A for planting plan.

All plants are to be grown, supplied and planted in accordance with sound horticultural best practice and compliant with current British Standards.

Planting pits shall be prepared and additional soil ameliorants added to backfill material as follows:
Tree pits for selected standards:
8 parts excavated topsoil; 1 part well composted horse manure; 1 part recycled green waste soil improver; 100gms bone meal.
All shrub pits: 50gms bonemeal. The surface of pits on slopes shall be level, to enable future watering.

Deciduous native shrub species shall be bare root, a minimum of 3 to 4 years old, and a minimum of 600-900mm height, with well developed root systems and bushy habit.

Evergreen shrubs shall be either rootballed or pot grown, and sturdy, with well formed bushy habit.

Tree whips shall be a minimum of 3 years old, with well shaped branches and sound sturdy stems.

Selected standard trees shall be planted with two stakes, secured 1.00m above ground level with ‘Tom’ ties or equivalent, to a cross bar.

Shrubs to be planted at a minimum of 1.5m centres from each other and existing or proposed trees, and tree species at a minimum of 3.0m centres from each other.

All plants outside site perimeter fencing to be provided with a black spiral rabbit guard and cane unless inside rabbit fencing.

All plants to be mulched with a minimum depth of 75mm well composted small grade bark mulch; large wood chips that may become a fire hazard will not be accepted. Shrub beds inside site

perimeter fencing to be entirely mulched; shrub and whip stations shall have a minimum diameter of 750mm, and selected standard pits a minimum diameter of 1.2m diameter circle of mulch.

Establishment Maintenance

All planting shall be maintained for a period of 3 years. Any plants lost or not making healthy growth shall be replaced each year of the maintenance period. Inspections for replacements will be made annually in September.

Watering will be required as necessary to sustain healthy growth, and a top up to all mulching shall be carried out during March 2014, prior to handover.

Stakes, ties, and rabbit protection shall be maintained throughout, and replaced as necessary if damaged during maintenance operations; any vandalism shall be reported as soon as it is sighted, and instruction to repair damage will be agreed prior to carrying out remedial works.

A formal site inspection and meeting with representatives from the landowner, Gosport Borough Council, and the site operator will be required to agree any outstanding remedial works in March 2014, prior to presenting the site for handover in April 2014.

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